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Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred Seventeenth
Annual Session
OF THE
Roaring River
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Woodruff Church

ALLEGHANY COUNTY, GLADE VALLEY, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22,

❧[1963]❧

Next session convenes with Pond Mountain Church, located
in Ashe County, Friday before the third Sunday
in May, 1964.



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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ROARING RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. The association met pursuant to adjournment. Song and prayer by Elder Robert Bostie from the Washington Association. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Raleigh Joines.

2. The association was called to order by song and prayer by Elder Joel Simmons from the Piney Grove Association.

3. Read and received letter from Mulberry, Cross Roads, and Woodruff and Double Creek churches.

4. On motion we elect a Moderator and Clerk by move and second.

5. Organized the Association by electing Elder C. D. Hall Moderator and John D. Hall Clerk.

6. Called for petitionary letters, Pond Mountain came forward and was received.

7. On motion we omit reading the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of faith at this session.

8. On motion we call for correspondents who were to go to sister Associations to report. They reported and those who failed to go were excused.

9. On motion the Moderator make all temporary appointments for this session.

10. On motion we seat the messengers from the Washington Association if they are not with the Maryland Church and beg the Washington Association to reconsider taking in the Church from Maryland.

11. On motion we call for correspondents and visitors from our regular correspondents and seat them.

A. Fisher's River: Correspondents, Brother H. J. Hill and Elder Jessie Collins. Visitors, Brother J. A. Banks and wife, Elder J. A. Marion, Elder F. W. Stockin, Sisters Etta Dameron, Ula Brenger, H. J. Hill, Jessie Collins and Lucinda Howard.

B. St. Clair Bottom: Correspondents, none. Visitors, Brother W. M. Pucket and wife.

C. Washington: Correspondents, Elder Robert Bostie, Elder Raleigh Compton, Elder Martin Edwards and Elder Hall Hankins. Visitors, Elder M. K. Cook, Deacon Roy Newberry and Sister Ellen Breeding.

D. Piney Grove: Correspondents, Elder Joel Simmons, Brother Lewis Flippin, Elder H. M. Bowman and Brother S. O. Shelton. Visitors, Elder Roy Flinchum, Brother Roy Hall, Brother J. R. Sturgall and wife.

12. Appointed a committee on preaching composed of one member from each church. Deacon Carl Francis Deacon W. C. Hall and Brother Ed Barker and Sister Margie Truitt.

13. Appointed a committee on arrangements: Elder Raleigh, Sister Ellis, Brother Eddie Lyle together with Moderator and Clerk.

14. Appointed a committee on Finance: Brother Johnnie Holloway, Sister Nettie Brown and Brother C. D. Hall, Jr.

15. Called on committee on preaching who reported for Friday afternoon.

16. On motion we read the Minutes.

17. On motion we adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning. Prayer by Elder Martin Edwards.

SATURDAY MORNING—September 21, 1963

1. Called the Roll and marked those absent.

2. On motion called on committee on arrangements to report and they recommend the following:

A. To print the four obituaries from Pond Mountain Church in this minutes.

B. To move the Association from the fourth Sunday in September to Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1964.

C. To hold the next Association at Pond Mountain Church in Ashe County.

D. To appoint correspondents to Piney Grove Association only since we will have another Association in May.

E. To call on committee on finance to report.

F. To have John D. Hall appointed as Treasurer and to supervise the printing of the Minutes and have 400 copies printed and distributed.

3. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Received from the churches -----	\$117.50	
Left over from last year -----	2.50	\$120.00
Allowed the Moderator -----	\$ 10.00	

Allowed the Clerk -----	10.00	
Allowed the visiting Elders -----	50.00	
Left in the hands of Treasurer -----	50.00	\$120.00

4. Called for correspondents and visitors who were not here yesterday :

A. Fisher's River : Elder W. C. Hawks. Visitors, Brother P. L. Hawks, Brother C. C. Hawks. Visitors Brother P. L. Hawks, Brother C. C. Hawks, Brother R. L. Bond and Brother Vestal Jones and wife.

B. St. Clair Botton : Correspondents, Brother Eugene Blevins, Brother Delmer Heath and Brother H. A. Airring.

C. Washington Correspondents: Elder Otis Fields and Elder M. C. Miller. Visitors, Sisters Victoria Smith and Lottie Field.

D. Piney Grove: Correspondents, none. Visitors, Elder M. O. Stevens and Elder Walter Hodge.

5. On motion we receive the reports of the Preaching and Finance and Arrangement Committees and dismiss them.

6. The following Correspondents volunteer to go to Piney Grove Association and were appointed to go: Elder Raleigh Joines, Deacons Carl Francis and . C. Hall.

7. On motion we stand by the ancient landmarks set up by Christ and the Apostles and the old Articles of Faith for Roaring River Association as carried in our Minutes continuously.

8. On motion the Clerk report and read the Minutes.

9. Resolved that we return thanks first to God for His mercies and thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for us in this session.

10. On motion we adjourn with prayer by Lie. Eddie Lyle.

ELDER C. D. HALL, Moderator
JOHN D. HALL, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Roy Flinchum, No Special text
Elder H. W. Bowman, St. John 5
Elder Joel Simmons, No special text

Saturday:

Elder Hall Hankins, Introduced service
Elder J. A. Marion, no special text
Elder F. W. Stockin, no special text
Elder M. O. Stevins, no special text
Elder M. C. Miller, no special text
Elder W. C. Hawks, no special text
Elder Raleigh Compton, no special text
Elder Otis Fields, no special text

Saturday Night at Woodruff:

Elder Raleigh Compton, introduced service
Elder Hall Hankins, no special text
Elder Martin Edwards, no special text

Sunday:

Elder Lester Barker, introduced service
Lic. R. L. Bonds, no special text
Elder Walter Hodge, no special text
Elder Jessie Collins, no special text
Elder M. K. Cook, no special text
Elder Martin Edwards, no special text

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Mulberry—Elder C. D. Hall and Elder Raleigh Joines.
Woodruff—Elder C. D. Hall and Elder Raleigh Joines.
Cross Roads—Elder C. D. Hall and Elder Raleigh Joines.
Double Creek—Elder C. D. Hall and Elder Raleigh Joines
Pond Mountain—Elder C. D. Hall

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder C. D. Hall, McGrady, N. C.
Elder Raleigh Joines, R. F. D. 4, Sparta, N. C.
Licentiate Eddie Lyle, West Jefferson, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

No. of Minutes

Double Creek—Margie Truitt, Hays, N. C.	6
Mulberry—W. C. Hall, Box 51, McGrady, N. C.	40
Woodruff—J. T. Choate, Glade Valley, N. C.	30
Cross Roads—Nettie Brown, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	25
Pond Mountain—Eddie Lyle, West Jefferson, N. C.	40

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Fisher's River—Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.	40
St. Clair's Bottom—Quentin. P. Dancy, Star Route, Chilhowie, Va. 20	
Washington—B. H. Ray, 515 Choctaw St., Morristown, Tenn.	40
Piney Grove—S. O. Shelton, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.	25

OBITUARIES

SINA MILLER DAVIS

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from all the earth. For the Lord has spoken it. Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory?

Sina Miller Davis, daughter of Eli and Alely Miller was born February 11, 1884. Departed this natural life January 29, 1963, making her stay on earth 78 years, 11 months and 18 days. She was married to Elder Edd Davis, February 28, 1903. Unto this union the following

children were born: Russel Davis, deceased; Worth Davis, Greenbelt, Maryland; Carl Davis, Tuckerdale, North Carolina; Mrs. Winnie Spencer, Sturgills, N. C.; Mrs. Ethel Lyle, West Jefferson, N. C., and Mrs. Ella Blevins, Tuckerdale, N. C.

She also leaves 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. One brother, Charlie Miller, White Top, Virginia; two sisters, Bennie Ham, Tuckerdale, N. C., and Dona Miller, Tuckerdale, N. C.

Sister Davis lived a devoted mother to her children, a loving companion to her husband and an inspiration and guide to her grandchildren. She joined Pond Mountain Primitive Baptist Church the First Saturday in March, 1904, where she lived a devoted and faithful member until death. Here her place as a contender of the practice of faith and order of the grand and glorious doctrine of salvation by the grace of God shall be remembered as long as the seed of her generation shall live.

But we realize that this is only a natural death, that seed which was born of God's Spirit shall live forever, and on the morning of the Resurrection when these mortal bodies shall put on immortality, she shall go home to Jesus forever.

For it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. We know these things are true having this seal: The Lord knoweth them that are His.

Sleep on dear mother till the Lord of Heaven shall awake thee in His blessed likeness ever more to be satisfied.

—Written by Eddie Lyle and Ruth Little

ELDER ED DAVIS

Ed Davis was born Jan. 3, 1884, the son of Elder C. C. and Matilda Davis. He departed this life April 11, 1962, making his stay on earth 78 years, three months and eight days. He was married to Sina Miller February 28, 1904. To this union the following children were born: Russell Davis (deceased), Mrs. Ella Blevins of Lansing, N. C. and Carl Davis of the home.

He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Dema Farmer, Whitetop, Va., and Mrs. Ira Roupe, Fries, Va.

He joined Pond Mountain Church in 1902. He served as a deacon for a number of years. He was ordained to the ministry in 1912 and served as Moderator of Senter Association for more than thirty years.

It is impossible to record the life of such a worthy person on paper, as he has said many time, we are making history with each passing day. His advice to the young people and especially in the ministry was to study to show thyself approved unto God. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

He served as chairman of the Ashe County Board of Education for four years and county commissioner for 12, four of which he was chairman.

He was a strong defender of the doctrine of grace and would not sacrifice the principles of the church for anyone. His last request was to die in fellowship with the church.

I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course; henceforth, there is a crown of righteousness laid up for me in heaven.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

—Written by E. G. Lyle and Mrs. Billey T. Little

GROVER C. ELDRITH

Grover C. Eldrith was born April 27, 1886; departed this life July 29, 1961, making his stay on earth 75 years, 3 months and 2 days. He was married to Ellen Woodie in 1906. To this union were born 8 children, 2 boys and 6 girls: May Blevins, Fay Miller, Rosco Eldrith, Reba Moore, Minnie Miller, Lessie Ham, Aulsey Pennington, and Wayne Eldrith, deceased; 21 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, on brother W. M. A. Eldrith, on sister, Ova Sheets.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Pond Mountain over forty years ago, remaining a faithful member till death. Grover and Ellen raised a respectful family of children. He has finished his course. The loss to Ellen and the children, the neighbors and church is great.

Sleep on, dear one, till the Lord awakes you in His blessed likeness.

—Written by Elder Edd Davis

VICTORIA ELDTRETH

Victoria Eldreth, daughter of Reed and Edith Sheets, was born in Ashe County, December 11, 1886, departed this life September 2, 1963.

She was married to W. M. A. Eldreth in 1906. To this union 9 children were born.

She leaves to survive, her husband, W. M. A. Eldreth; two sons, Edgar E. and Denver Eldreth of Lansing; three daughters, Mrs. Bertha Baldwin and Adell Carter of Lansing and Mrs. Maddeline Asperi of West Chester, Pa.; 18 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

She professed a hope in Jesus Christ and joined the church at Horse Creek about 1905, later moving her membership to Pond Mountain. She was a firm believe in the doctrine of salvation by the sovereign grace of God. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her life was filled with kindness. She bore her cross with patience. Where there's a cross there's a crown.

The children have lost a wonderful mother. Brother Eldreth has lost a kind and devoted companion. The church has lost a member deep seated in the principles of sound doctrine and practice.

Our loss is her eternal gain. Sleep on till Jesus awakes you in his blessed likeness ever more to be satisfied, with the saints of glory.

—Written by Eddie Lyle

CONSTITUTION OF ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches requested to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, or dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation.

8. Every query presented by any member in the Association shall be once read, and before debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and if there be majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, deliberated upon, if not, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association; the best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

11. We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they may think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needs be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (as recorded in the authorized King James Version) are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Spirit; and that all who are thus sanctified and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, or born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of baptism is immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous and the torment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except as is regularly called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without permission of the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member shall address another in any other appellation but "brother" during the sitting of the Association.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall wittingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. Amendment to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To endeavor to preserve inviolable a chain of communication amongst the churches; 3. To give the churches necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent in the Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an Association Fund, to any purpose they may think proper; 6. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any churches in this union which shall violate the Rules of this Association, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, when they shall judge necessary; 8. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time and place they think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Received by the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Communion Mo.	Sat. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Cross Roads	Deacon Carl Francis, Sisters Nettie Brown, Ruby Francis	June	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	\$30.00
Mulberry	Elder C. D. Hall, Deacon W. C. Hall, John D. Hall	July	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	14	29.50
Woodruff	Eld. Raleigh Joines, Brothers John Choate, Johnnie Holloway	Aug.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	30.00
Double Creek	Sisters Margie Truitt, Arora Shumate, Jennie Johnson	Aug.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	8.00
Pond Mountain	Lic. Eddie Lyle, Deacon Ed Barker, Kinnee Barker	Aug.	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	363	20.00
	Totals		1	1	...	...	...	...	1	3101	117.50	

